

**REMARKS**

Claims 5, 7, 8, and 10-16, and amended claims 1-4, 6, and 9 are in this application.

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,025,261 by Ohta et al.

Independent claim 5 recites in part the following:

"access means that enables the communication terminal apparatus to access the electronic appliance via the communication network using a device ID that has been assigned uniquely to the electronic appliance, the communication terminal apparatus accessing the electronic appliance only through the authentication server;

. . .

authentication process means, provided in said authentication server, for using said terminal ID to perform an authentication process for said communication terminal apparatus that has accessed the authentication server and allowing said communication terminal apparatus to access said electronic appliance only when the communication terminal apparatus has been authenticated." (Emphasis added.)

It is respectfully submitted that Ohta as applied by the Examiner does not appear to disclose the above features of claim 5. That is, in explaining the above 102 rejection with regard to claim 5, the Examiner appeared to only refer to lines 11-37 of column 2, lines 18-26 of column 4, lines 17-36 of column 7, and line 65 of column 7 to line 16 of column 8 of Ohta. For example, although such portions of Ohta appear to mention an ID code signal and the use thereof, these portions of Ohta do not appear to disclose "the communication terminal apparatus accessing the electronic appliance only through the

authentication server" as specifically recited in claim 5. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above 102 rejection of claim 5 be withdrawn.

For reasons similar to or somewhat similar to those previously described with regard to claim 5, it is also respectfully requested that the above 102 rejections of amended independent claims 1-4, 6, and 9 also be withdrawn.

Claims 7, 8, and 10-16 are dependent from one of the independent claims. Accordingly, it is also respectfully requested that the above 102 rejections of dependent claims 7, 8, and 10-16 also be withdrawn for at least the reasons previously described.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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